

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, 13 and 16-26 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant kindly requests return of an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the U.S. Patent Office on August 28, 2007, September 20, 2007, September 26, 2007, and November 1, 2007.

Claims 1, 4-10, 13 and 16-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type of double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 7,113,254 to van der Net et al. Without agreeing or acceding to the propriety or the merits of the rejection and while preserving the right to distinguish over the cited reference, Applicant has submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith and, accordingly, respectfully requests that the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type of double patenting be withdrawn.

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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Addendum

Attachment 1

LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS, GAS PURGING METHOD AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND PURGE GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM